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SUBJECT: COMBINED WIRE, R/TV & NEWSPAPER REPORT MONDAY  
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SUMMARY: HAK ARRIVED JERUSALEM AND PRESENTED EGYPTIAN  
PROPOSALS, BUT APPARENTLY FAILED IN DAMASCUS TO PERSUADE  
SYRIA TO DROP OPPOSITION TO NEGOTIATIONS.

R/TV

1. KALB-CBS RADIO, JERUSALEM: HAK MET FOR 1 AND 1/2 HRS  
WITH PM RABIN ALONE, THE SECRETARY PASSING ON IDEAS HE  
DOES NOT YET CALL THEM PROPOSALS. THEN BOTH HAK AND RABIN  
WENT TO THE PM'S OFFICE WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY TOP  
AMERICAN AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS, FOR THE FIRST DETAILED  
EXCHANGE ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A BREAK-THROUGH IN THE  
SINAI. SO FAR AS ONE CAN TELL AT THE MOMENT NO SUCH  
BREAKTHROUGH IS IMMINENT. ... THE FORMAL ISRAELI POSITION  
IS OK BUT FOR THAT WE WANT A PUBLIC PLEDGE OF NON-  
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BELLIGERENCY FROM SADAT. ... SUCH A BILATERAL AGREEMENT  
RUNS INTO STRONG OPPOSITION FROM ASSAD. ONE KEY QUESTION  
AT THE MOMENT IS WHETHER ASSAD CAN ACTUALLY SABOTAGE

HAK'S MIDDLEMAN EFFORT.

2. TED KOPPEL, AM AMERICA TV, FROM TEL AVIV: ... HAK HAS BROUGHT SOME FAIRLY SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FROM SADAT AND SINCE THE ISRAELIS NEED SOME TIME TO EXAMINE THOSE PROPOSALS AND WORK UP THEIR REPLY, HAK IS USING HIS TIME TO FLY ON TO ANKARA TODAY. DURING HIS 24 HOURS THERE HAK HOPES TO GET CYPRUS PEACE TALKS UNDERWAY AGAIN, PROBABLY UNDER THE INFORMAL AUSPICES OF THE UN IN NY. PART OF THE REASONING BEHIND THE CHOICE OF LOCALE IS THAT IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR HAK TO CONTINUE PLAYING A PERSONAL ROLE. BUT JUDGING FROM HIS SCHEDULE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD NY MAY BE THE ONLY CITY IN THE WORLD THAT KISSINGER DOES NOT VISIT.

UIRES

1. AP SCHWEID, JERUSALEM: HAK SAID TODAY THAT AFTER HIS FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH SADAT, ASSAD AND ISRAELI LEADERS, HE STILL BELIEVES A NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE.

"I CAME HERE BECAUSE I BELIEVED AN AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE. I HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE MY VIEW," HAK TOLD NEWSMEN AFTER A TWO-HOUR SESSION SUNDAY NIGHT AND FOUR HOURS TODAY WITH RABIN AND HIS NEGOTIATING TEAM.

ASKED WHETHER HE STILL RATED CHANCES OF AN AGREEMENT AT 50-50, HIS ASSESSMENT AFTER HIS EXPLORATORY TALKS LAST MONTH, HE REPLIED: "I DON'T WANT TO BE IN A POSITION IN WHICH EVERY DAY I HAVE TO GIVE AN ASSESSMENT AND PERCENTAGE FIGURE, BECAUSE WE WILL BE IN A HOPELESS TRAP AFTER A WHILE.

"WE ARE AT THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION WHICH IS COMPLICATED AND WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME. WE ARE ENGAGED HERE IN ANALYZING ALL THE IDEAS AND ELEMENTS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT MIGHT BE PART OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT.

"WE ARE DOING SO WITH GREAT CARE. WE'VE DONE SO IN A VERY FRIENDLY, COMRADELY AND VERY POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE."

HAK SAID HE HAD NOT COMMITTED HIMSELF TO ANY TARGET DATE FOR AN AGREEMENT OR ABANDONING HIS EFFORT, ADDING: "IT IS AN AGREEMENT OF SOME IMPORTANCE IF IT IS ACHIEVED, AND IT HAS TO BE DONE WITH GREAT CARE."

AMERICAN AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAID A MARATHON SHUTTLE

APPEARED IN PROSPECT FOR THE SECRETARY.

2. UPI, JERUSALEM: HAK SAID TODAY HIS TALKS WITH EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI OFFICIALS LEFT HIM STILL CONVINCED THAT A SECOND-STATE MILITARY AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI DESERT IS POSSIBLE. SYRIA OPPOSES SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND EGYPT HAS TAKEN A SURPRISINGLY HARD LINE.

FOLLOWING A ONE-HOUR PRIVATE BREAKFAST WITH RABIN AND A TWO-HOUR AND 45 MINUTE MEETING WITH THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING TEAM, HAK LEFT THE ISRAELI LEADERS TO CONSIDER THEIR NEXT MOVE AND TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO CRISIS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY OVER CYPRUS ...

HAK THEN LEFT JERUSALEM FOR ANKARA AND TALKS ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS. ...

THE NEWSPAPER HA'ARETZ SAID SADAT SUBMITTED A DETAILED PROPOSAL TO HAK "THAT SURPRISED THE SECRETARY BY ITS

TOUGH LINE."

A PUBLIC OPINION POLL PUBLISHED BY HA'ARETZ INDICATED HAK'S POPULARITY HAS RISEN AMONG ISRAELIS BETWEEN HIS PREVIOUS TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST LAST MONTH AND NOW. ...

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NYTIMES - GWERTZMAN, PAGE 1: HAK BROUGHT EGYPT'S IDEAS ON ACHIEVING A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT TO ISRAEL'S LEADERS TONIGHT. BUT HAK APPARENTLY FAILED DURING A STOPOVER IN DAMASCUS TO PERSUADE ASSAD TO DROP THE OPPOSITION TO EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. ...

HAK EXPECTS IN THIS OPENING ROUND OF HIS LATEST "SHUTTLE

DIPLOMACY" TO RECEIVE CONCRETE ISRAELI COUNTERPROPOSALS THAT HE CAN TAKE BACK TO SADAT IN ASWAN ON WEDNESDAY, THEREBY SPURRING GENUINE BARGAINING. ...

THE ISRAELIS WERE DESCRIBED BY DIPLOMATS HERE AS BEING GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT A SECOND-STAGE ACCORD ON SINAI WOULD BE WORKED OUT ... BUT MANY ISRAELIS ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE VALUE OF AN ACCORD THAT WILL PROBABLY CALL ON ISRAEL TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS IN RETURN FOR INTANGIBLE PLEDGES AND STEPS TO REDUCE THE

LIKELIHOOD OF ANOTHER WAR. ...

THE DETAILS OF THE EGYPTIAN IDEAS, GIVEN BY HAK YESTERDAY,

HAVE NOT BEEN DIVULGED. IN FACT, BECAUSE OF EGYPT'S RELUCTANCE EVEN TO APPEAR TO BE MAKING CONCESSIONS TO ISRAEL IN RETURN FOR RECOVERING OCCUPIED TERRITORY, THE EGYPTIAN PRESS SAID THIS MORNING THAT SADAT HAD MADE NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO HAK.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS ABOARD HAK'S AIR FORCE JET, FLYING FROM ASWAN TO DAMASCUS SAID THAT "PRECISE IDEAS" HAD BEEN GIVEN TO KISSNGER BUT THAT THEY EXPECTED THE EGYPTIANS TO DENY THIS ...

... ONE OF HAK'S MAJOR PROBLEMS IS TO FIND A WAY TO INCLUDE SYRIA IN THE NEXT PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ... HAK FEARS THAT A SYRIAN-PLO PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST EGYPT COULD WEAKEN SADAT'S POSITION AND MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO COMPROMISE. ...

... IN AN APPARENT CRITICISM OF BOTH THE RUSSIANS AND EGYPTIANS, MR. ASSAD SAID : "WE ARE NOT ENAMORED OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PEACE TREATIES, EVEN THOSE OF FRIENDSHIP. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS TO MOVE TOWARD A CONDITION OF PEACE AND NOT JUST TO SIGN TREATIES. ...

BALTSUN-MILLS, PAGE 1: HAK ARRIVED HERE LAST NIGHT AND IMMEDIATELY LAID BEFORE ISRAELI LEADERS CONCRETE EGYPTIAN IDEAS FOR A NEW SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

... HAK FLEW FLEW HERE FROM DAMASCUS, WHERE HE HEARD ASSAD THROW SOME PUBLIC COLD WATER ON THIS LATEST ROUND OF SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY.

"WE ARE AGAINST SEPARATE, PARTIAL AGREEMENTS," ASSAD TOLD REPORTERS AT HIS PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AFTER A 45-MINUTE SESSION ALONE WITH HAK.

THE COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED STOICALLY BY U.S. OFFICIALS, WHO SAW THEM AS ONLY A REITERATION OF SYRIA'S LONGTIME INSISTENCE THAT ARAB STATES SHOULD MAKE NO NEW AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL WITHOUT A COMPLETE ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, THE SINAI AND THE WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER.

... IT IS ALREADY UNDERSTOOD, ALLON SAID, IN ONE OF THE INDICATIONS THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE LONG, THAT THIS MISSION WILL NOT BE COMPLETED IN ONE JUMP.

... REPORTERS WERE TOLD ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF HAK'S SESSION SATURDAY WITH SADAT OR THE ONE YES-TERDAY WITH ASSAD. THERE WAS THEREFORE NO WAY TO TELL INDEPENDENTLY HOW JUSTIFIED HAK'S HOPEFUL ATTITUDE IS.

BUT REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT HAK WAS NOT DISCOURAGED BY  
HIS TALKS WITH SADAT AND FELT THAT THEY HAD ADVANCED  
NEGOTIATIONS SOMEWHAT.

THE SESSION WITH SADAT IS  
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